

Making Sense of Laws and Executive Orders

Policy Based – gives general direction to management .

- *Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976-* establishes as public policy that, in general, the public lands will remain in Federal ownership and also authorizes, (among numerous other multiple uses) Outdoor recreation and human occupancy of use.
- *Executive Orders 11644 and 11989-* establish policies and procedures to ensure that off-road vehicle use shall be controlled so as to protect public lands.
- *Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act* - specifically authorizes these agencies, including the BLM, to reinvest recreation fees at the local recreation sites where they were collected to benefit visitors through enhanced facilities and services.

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Place Based – designates or gives direction on how to manage a specific area

- *The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968- requires Federal Land Management agencies to identify potential river systems and then study them for potential designation as wild, scenic, or recreational rivers.*
- *The National Trails System Act of 1968- Establishes a national trails system*
- *The Wilderness Act of 1964- Provides for the designation and preservation of Wilderness Areas.*

Do you work in an area affected by place based legislation, if so list the name of the place you manage.



As you work in the recreation program keep referencing or looking back at legislation and executive orders. Doing so can:

**Inform you how
to manage a
designated area**

**Provide you
with a better
understanding
of policies and
their origin**

